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A UFO that was tracked on radar; an object that apparently reacted to a shot fired at it; another that dove at a car and paced it; an object that caused a car to crash into a guard rail; a UFO that merged with another object; an object that split in two; a formation of mysterious craft flying at an estimated speed of 35,000-40,000 m.p.h.; UFOs that created physiological and electro-magnetic (E-M) effects, aimed light beams at the ground and onto water, caused animal reactions, emitted sounds, landed, were photographed, frightened witnesses; others that appeared to respond to patrol car signals; and a "cloud layer" that apparently caused an object to vanish were characteristics of sighting reports from at least 10 states and three foreign countries during the period January-August. Witnesses included pilots, flight control personnel, police, military personnel, a former Air Force (AF) policeman, and a former Navy jet mechanic.

At around 5:30 p.m., May 5, David Dorn and a friend, Troy Warton, were walking down a street in Lincolnshire, Ill. They carried a camera so they could photograph each other playing basketball. They spotted a dark object in the sky. It came close to the witnesses, descended to just above the trees, hovered, then "went up through the clouds" and disappeared. Dorn took six pictures with his Kodak X-15. The images clearly revealed the UFO.

Dorn described the object.

"There were no lights that I could see," he stated in the May 23, 1974, edition of the Vernon, Ill., *Review*, "but, at one point, there was a flash. It might have been a reflection, although there was no sun. And then the object looked blue. I did hear a buzzing, but that might have been coming from somewhere else. I don't know."

The photographs were turned over to the Lincolnshire Police Department, which contacted the Center for UFO Studies. The center director, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astronomy department chairman at Northwestern University and long-time AF UFO chief scientific consultant, interviewed the boys and declared they had good evidence of a genuine UFO sighting.

Observers in New Hampshire spotted mysterious objects.

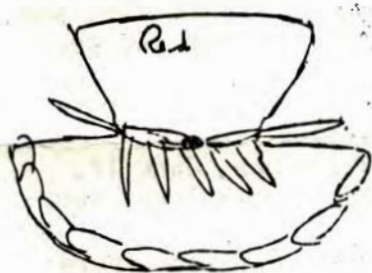
At 9:30 p.m., June 6, Mrs. Vivian Stevens, her son Richard, daughter Barbara, and niece Helen Mispilkin, were driving on Route 150 near South Hampton when they saw a "large, red, dome-shaped object." (See sketch, left).

"Beneath the dome there was a bright white rectangular-shaped opening with something like blades spinning around inside," stated Raymond Fowler, long-time investigator for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), in his report and as retold in *The Christian Science Monitor*, July 30, 1974. "The blades seemed to protrude outside as well."

Fowler said a dark square was visible in the center of the rectangular opening and multi-colored sparks were emitted from the base of the dome.

The frightened witnesses "sped off." Reaching Locust Street, they observed the UFO hovering with a "bobbing, fluttering motion" over a 90-foot elm tree. As the driver, Helen Mispilkin, stopped the car and got out, a band of changing, colored lights

on the object began flickering on and off. The lights showed the shiny surface of a bowl shape beneath the dome.



UFO Sketch by Mrs. Vivian Stevens, Near South Hampton, N.H., June 6, 1974

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The object began to descend. Helen jumped back into the automobile and the terrified observers drove off -- fast.

Mrs. Stevens' son, Todd, later saw the UFO -- again over the elm tree. He alerted the family and they drove to a hilltop to observe the bobbing object. The witnesses drove back down the hill and Mrs. Stevens hurried to inform a neighbor. Meanwhile, the others saw a plane head for the UFO.

"As soon as the plane approached," Fowler reported, "the object began to move about with jerky motions and descended in a... step-by-step motion into a swampy area where it seemed to settle on or near the ground."

The UFO investigator said all the lights on the object went out except for "a red glow which could be seen momentarily through the underbrush until it too faded away." He added the aircraft searched the area half-a-dozen times before leaving.

A check with Pease AF Base at Portsmouth and the Federal Aviation Administration radar tracking center at Nashua produced negative results.

More than two months later -- August 11 -- at least eight police officers and others saw UFOs near Sanbornton. At 3:23 a.m., Tilton Officers Mark E. Paine and Michael E. Alden spotted a saucer with red, yellow and white lights flying just above the tree-line. Half an hour later two Belmont officers, a Gilford policeman, and a Belknap County deputy sheriff joined them.

According to Paine, the first object came within 100 yards of his patrol car, then tilted on its side "and backed off." The elliptical-shaped UFO had a dome and was 30-50 feet in diameter.

Meanwhile, two more objects were observed several miles away. A fourth UFO rose straight up from some trees and flew over the heads of the law officers.

Two Franklin officers saw three objects with multi-colored lights at around 4 a.m. Policemen hurriedly converged at the Sanbornton exit on I-93 and began flashing their patrol car lights at the objects, which appeared to respond to the signals. A photograph taken by Tilton police showed nothing, according to the August 12 and 13, 1974, editions of the Concord, N.H., *Monitor and Patriot*.

On June 10, James Cyrus, a former AF policeman, and his son, Morgan, spotted a UFO at approximately 10:10 p.m., near Hamilton, Mich. It was flying at an altitude of 100-150 feet and had multi-colored lights. The craft then glowed white and disappeared "in less than two seconds," stated the June 16, 1974, edition of the Grand Rapids *Michigan Press*.

A little more than six hours later -- 4:30 a.m., June 11 -- an unidentified woman in Sattellite Beach, Fla., observed a horizontal-shaped object with brilliant lights.

"Then a cloud layer came over it," she related in the *Melbourne (Fla.) Times*, June 12, 1974. "I could see the lights for a while beyond the cloud layer. It didn't stay long, but, when it got past, the object was gone."

The witness reported the incident to Patrick AF Base officials. A spokesman said there were no launches that might explain the sighting.

"We have no official position on the subject," the official remarked. "The AF has closed its books on UFOs."

It was the evening of June 13. Vern Easterbrook, a member of the Gooding, Idaho, police force, and his son, Estel, were sitting outside when they observed a "perfect formation" of five UFOs that sped across the sky in about 30 seconds at an estimated speed of 35,000-40,000 m.p.h., according to the Twin Falls, Idaho, *Times-News*, June 16, 1974.

At approximately 2 a.m., June 25, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cosby saw a UFO at 75-100 feet altitude over Colvos Passage, near Corbin Beach, Wash. It emitted a bright beam of light toward their house. The object hovered silently, low over the water, then turned, showing three brilliant white lights and three red lights underneath. Mrs. Cosby said it was cylindrical and about 30 feet long. The UFO then headed south, turned east and disappeared. A neighbor's dog reportedly barked during the sighting, stated the July 3, 1974, edition of the Vashon, Wash., *Beachcomber*.

Californians continued to have sightings.

Nonie Atherley was returning home from driving her husband to work at 6:10 a.m., July 12, when she spotted a huge UFO "several football fields" long near Banning. It had a dome, moved slowly while tilted, then disappeared "with tremendous speed while trailing flames," said the July 12, 1974, edition of the Banning and Beaumont *Record Gazette*.

A former Navy jet mechanic, Joe Kintner, and his girl, Brandy Bumgarner, were at cliff-side near the bay in Santa Cruz at about 11:15 p.m., July 16. They suddenly saw a UFO.

"It looked like a rocket -- it went almost straight up, then stopped," Brandy recounted in the Santa Cruz *Sentinel*, July 22, 1974. "Then the rocket-like fire went out, but a white light on top illuminated its shape. Then, suddenly, it moved at an incredible speed."

A student who was nearby said the object was luminous, with its top spinning rapidly. Brandy said four red lights were on the bottom. All of the witnesses remarked the UFO made a sound "sort of like a recorder tape being rewound."

As the UFO headed over Bonny Doon, the observers spotted another light near the object "which seemed to be drawn into the craft."

"It was like it was intercepted by something," Kintner explained. "We could see the light move toward it and disappear inside the UFO we saw."

The unidentified student said Joe and Brandy were in a state bordering on hysteria.

"They were really excited," he said. "They were seeing something that they never saw before -- yelling and pointing at the sky."

Meanwhile, near Natural Bridges State Beach, about a mile away, Vince Ratcliff also saw the phenomenon.

"I thought at first it might be a helicopter," he remarked, "but the tremendous speed and sudden stops wiped out that idea fast."

On the evening of July 24, at least 15 witnesses on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona saw a "structured object with a dome top and a glowing blue light" land approximately seven miles from Bylas Village, near Mt. Turnbow, according to L.J. Lorenzen, head of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO). The UFO aimed a beam of light toward the ground, then rose and disappeared quickly, stated the Tucson, Ariz., *Daily Citizen*, July 26, 1974. APRO investigators were unable to locate any physical evidence, but "there was a lot of activity at the site; the Indian people rode all over it after seeing the object," Lorenzen explained.

UFO Responds to Shot Fired

Sgt. Ted Fruge was coon hunting in a corn field about four miles south of Dupont, La., at 10:45 p.m., August 11, when he spotted a UFO.

"I first heard a regular humming sound in the air," he stated in the Cottonport, La., *Leader*, August 15, 1974. "Then the sound changed to an erratic screeching noise. That's when I turned around and sighted the foreign object. It seemed to be about 1,000 feet away at an elevation of about 450 feet from my viewpoint. The object seemed to be saucer-shaped. It was stationary and was positioned in a direction pointing towards me. The main body of the object had the color of a brick red or the color of the setting sun. On the outer edges of the object it seemed to be flames of red ejecting from the complete circumference of the object. The top of the UFO was dome-shaped and was a little less reddish than the base. I gazed at the object still suspended motionless for about one minute. During that minute it made that screeching noise again for about 15 seconds and then it became perfectly silent while still ejecting fire from its sides. Then I turned around and fired a shot... and then turned back and noticed the object began to move in my direction without making any noise or ejecting any extra fire. I turned my headlight off and began walking away very fast. The object moved very slowly towards me while lowering its height to about 300 feet. It moved in about 400 feet closer to me, then it began to change its course from the south and began moving towards the east and away from me. It continued to move away in a slow speed without making any sound until I lost sight of it behind the trees."

The state of Pennsylvania has apparently been besieged by UFO reports since the beginning of the year.

• January 27. Around 2 a.m. Near Irwin. A woman observed two brilliant lights that "shone down towards the highway" and paced the witness' car. As the UFO flew near the automobile, the vehicle nearly stalled, but returned to normal function after the object left.

• February 7. 12:55 a.m. Between Woodale and Laurelville. A motorist saw a disc approximately 30 feet in diameter at about 150 feet altitude. The object had a "solid white top," with multi-colored lights on the bottom. The witness heard a humming sound and detected a strong "chemical" odor.

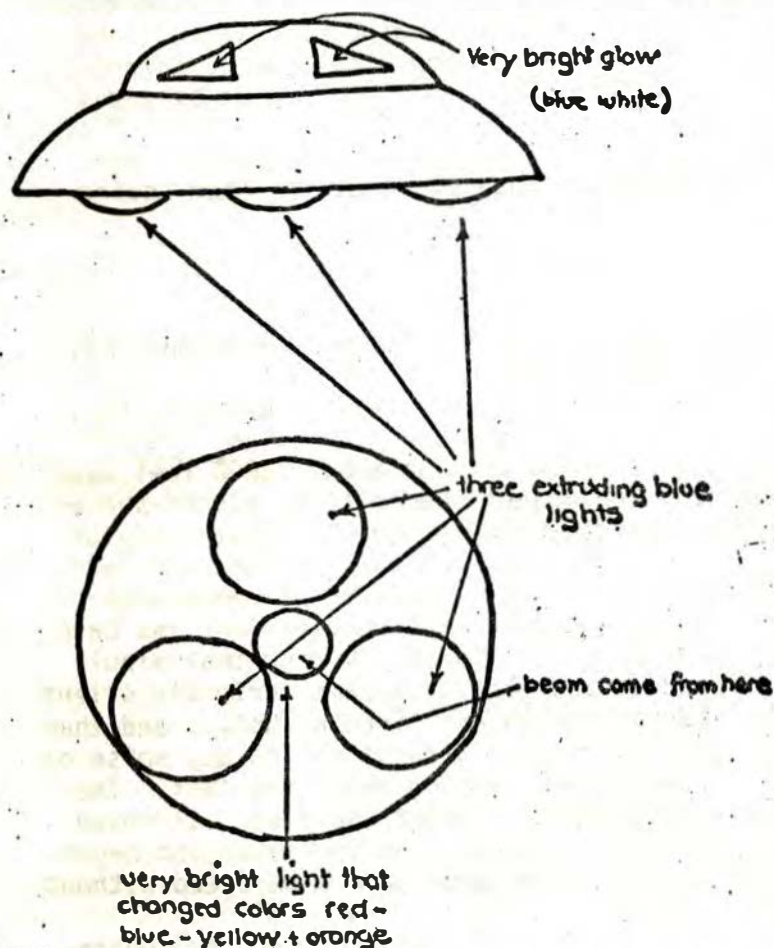
• March 18. 8:30 p.m. West Newton. A light cluster swooped down to within a foot of an automobile roof. The driver said the car headlights dimmed, the radio "was drowned out with static," and the ammeter "indicated that his battery had completely discharged," but the auto did not stop. The witness added he "grew abnormally tired" and hit a guard rail.

• March 23. 12:55 a.m. Hanover Township. Two Pennsylvania State Game Commission officers observed a glowing cigar "like a giant fuselage" or about six times the length of their patrol car. The UFO "emitted a pulsating light towards the ground."

(The above Pennsylvania sightings were investigated by Stan Gordon, Pennsylvania State Director for MUFON and recounted in a Santa Ana, Calif., *Register*, article by David Branch and Robert B. Klinn dated May 22, 1974).

• July 21. Around 9:30 p.m. Near Shippenville. A family of five saw a silver-gray, smooth, cylindrical-shaped UFO that emitted a bright light, stated the July 23 and 30, 1974, editions of the *Clarion*, Pa., *News*, the July 24, 1974, edition of the *Dubois*, Pa., *Courier Express*, and the July 25, 1974, edition of the *Brookville*, Pa., *Jeffersonian-Democrat*. The object reportedly caused E-M effects to a television set and emitted a sound. It disappeared over a hill near some strip mines.

• August 14. Evening. Beaver, Pa. Mike Lucci and his brother watched "a large orange globe of light" that "split into two pieces" over Shippingport. Another resident, Mrs. Joe Christopher, also witnessed the incident, stated the *Beaver County Times*, August 16, 1974.



Australia continued to be the scene of UFO sightings.

According to the May 28, 1974, edition of the *Newcastle*, New South Wales (N.S.W.), Australia, *Sun*, three witnesses in Erina saw a circular object with brilliant, color-changing lights in April. (See sketches, left). The UFO hovered over a small park and emitted "a humming, buzzing sound."

The following month -- on the evening of May 21 -- three Crookwell, N.S.W., youths observed a UFO "like two saucers pressed together with lights spinning around it" that descended and suddenly disappeared, stated the *Crookwell Gazette*, May 23, 1974. The boys were Craig Hills, Paul Kennedy, and David Naughton.

Three witnesses watched as a cigar-shaped object with flashing green lights slowly descended and apparently landed on the top of Mt. Warrenheip, Victoria, at about 8:15 p.m., June 7, the *Ballarat*, Victoria, *Courier*, June 8, 1974, reported. The UFO stayed for "some minutes," then rose and "traveled off at a tremendous speed."

On an undetermined day in June, a UFO was tracked on radar by Cordoba, Argentina, flight control tower personnel, the June 30, 1974, edition of *Das Neue Zeitlater*, stated. Meanwhile, the crew and passengers of two airplanes saw a brilliant object that was round on top and flat on the bottom.

Eyewitness Sketches of Erina, N.S.W., Australia, UFO, April, 1974

(Courtesy: the Sun)

"Never again will I laugh when UFOs are mentioned," one of the pilots said.

The Argentine Air Control Office reportedly investigated the incident.

At about 8:45 p.m., July 21, Goudah Schmierkase, an East German immigrant, reported seeing a UFO in Howland Junction, Ontario, Canada.

"There is a new sub-division being offered to the public on the Howland Junction Road," Schmierkase related in the August 1, 1974, edition of the *Minden (Ontario) Progress*. "It is called Howland Pines. My wife and I came up from Toronto to see if there was a lot we would be interested in buying. The only lot we liked was at the eastern end of the plan opposite the residence of Ambrose Watson. This lot was apparently an old farm site many years ago. It was about dusk when I turned my car off the main road and started up a small hill to the north. Suddenly, part way up the hill, my car motor stopped as if someone had turned off the ignition. At the same time the lights went out. I tried unsuccessfully to start the car. My wife and I stepped out of the car and our dog, a small spaniel, jumped out also. The dog hardly touched the ground before it crouched down, whimpering and refusing to move. The hair was standing up on the back of its neck. As my wife, Gerda, and I walked up towards the top of the hill, we noticed everything bathed in a green light. Approaching the top of the hill, I experienced a tingling sensation on my skin. My wife also felt it. Reaching the crest of the hill, we looked down into the small valley and clearing and saw what was causing the green light. It looked like two plates inverted together with a small dome on top. There was a faint, high-pitched hum but no sign of motors as such. It was of a dark grayish color and seemed to pulsate. The air began to get quite warm and my wife and I found that, for some reason or other, we were unable to walk any further as there seemed to be a force-wall between us and the object. It was difficult to judge the size owing to the green light and a mist that seemed to be forming in the air. It looked about 70 feet in diameter and almost 20 odd feet in height. Suddenly, the machine seemed to pulsate faster and the green faded into an orange-red color. Then the object just disappeared in front of our eyes, with no sound. As the machine disappeared, my wife and I found we were free to move again. Needless to say, we rushed back to the car. Our dog was cowering in the back seat and all the lights were on. Turning the ignition key brought the motor to life right away."

VON DANIKEN BELIEVES ET CONTACT FORTHCOMING



Erich Von Daniken

"Why not?" was the response of Erich Von Daniken when asked if UFOs are real. Acknowledging he is not "a UFO researcher," the author of *Chariots of the Gods?*, *Gods From Outer Space*, and *Gold of the Gods*, said at a press conference and lecture at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque on October 7 he is keeping "an open mind" on the question of modern UFO reports. But Von Daniken, who has no doubt man is "the product of artificial mutations from outer space" also believes we will make contact with our extraterrestrial (ET) ancestors within the next decade.

The amazingly successful writer, whose few books expounding the theory that ancient archeological artifacts provide evidence that spacemen visited Earth milleniums ago and planted the seeds of modern man have sold an astounding 30 million copies worldwide, admitted he has no scientific evidence that ET contact will be made relatively soon, but, he added, progressive scientific knowledge is often the direct result of the initial work of amateurs.

"Only later does the scientific community start to work with the parts of the amateur's theory," he remarked. "The scientific community must examine (my) theory. My books are still in the state of theory, but, once it is proved, it is no longer theory. Science should always try to come as close as possible to the truth."

UFO PACES ICBM

A UFO apparently paced an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) and was tracked on radar after its launch from Vandenberg AF Base, Calif., in August, 1973, according to the Hobart, Australia, *Mercury*, June 17, 1974.

The ICBM was aimed for the Kwajalein Missile Range in the Pacific Ocean. While tracking the missile, radar personnel in the Pacific discovered they were also tracking a UFO flying next to the ICBM's nose cone.

"Radar picked up an inverted saucer-shaped object to the right and above the descending nose cone and watched it cross the warhead's trajectory to a point which was below and to the left of it before the phantom ship disappeared," the paper reported.

The mysterious flying object was about 10 feet high and 40 feet long and "two separate radar systems saw it at the same time, which may eliminate the possibility that there was a malfunction in one of the radar systems." Reports also stated that three other identical objects were seen in the area.

Maj. Dallas Van Hoose, an Army spokesman at the Huntsville, Ala., missile base apparently confirmed that "some unexplained aerial phenomena" were seen during the launch. None of the scientific experts at Huntsville "believe the ghost ship was a natural phenomenon caused by freak weather conditions or echoes commonly seen on radar screens."

SPACE SCIENTIST PREDICTS LIFE ON MARS

The 1976 U.S. space probe to Mars will discover basic forms of life on the Red Planet and there is "no doubt intelligent life exists somewhere in outer space." This is the firm conviction of Dr. Charles Berry, chairman of the U.S.-Russian space program, president of the University of Texas Health Science Center, and a top consultant for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Date of the scheduled landing on Mars -- 45 million miles away -- is July 4, 1976, the nation's 200th anniversary and 10 months after launching from Cape Canaveral.

"I'd be very surprised -- and so would most of the scientists at NASA -- if our unmanned Viking spacecraft does not reveal life on the planet," Berry stated in the September 8, 1974, edition of the *National Enquirer*. "If our probe lands in a moist area, I'm sure we'll find basic forms of life. We're all very excited by the possibility. It would be the greatest discovery of the century."

Berry said Martian soil samples will be "thoroughly analyzed" and this and other experiments should prove the existence of life on the planet, a favorite site of science fiction writers for the past century and the subject of endless speculation concerning intelligent -- and other forms -- of life. The scientist, however, does doubt that intelligent life will be found on Mars.

"But I have no doubt intelligent life exists somewhere in outer space," he added. "Somewhere in the vast universe there's got to be a planet not too different from our own where intelligent life flourishes. And it's quite possible the beings that exist on the planet are far more advanced than we are. I wouldn't be surprised if someday those beings made contact with us, or we made contact with them."

UFO MAKES "PASS" AT JET

Old reports of military pilots seeing UFOs and an object landing in a timber area were included in research by Paul C. Cerny, California investigator for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

A UFO made a "sweeping pass" at an F-84 Thunderjet and was observed at a 30- to 50-foot range by another pilot at 11:20 a.m., March 29, 1952, over Northern Japan, stated an AP wire story dated January 27, 1953.

Lt. David C. Brigham was piloting a prop-driven reconnaissance plane at 6,000 feet altitude when the Thunderjet pulled alongside. Then the AF pilot saw a "very thin" disc approximately eight inches in diameter and "as shiny as polished chromium" to the right and just behind the jet.

"It closed rapidly and, just before it would have flown into (the jet's) fuselage, it decelerated to (its) airspeed almost instantaneously," Brigham told intelligence officers. "In doing so, it flipped up on its edge at approximately a 90-degree bank. Then it fluttered within 20 feet of his fuselage for perhaps two or three seconds, pulled away and around its starboard (right) wing, appearing to flip once as it hit the slipstream behind his wing-tip fuel tank. Then it passed him, crossed in front of him, and pulled up abruptly, appearing to accelerate, and shot out of sight in a steep, almost vertical climb. An unusual flight characteristic was a slow fluttering motion. It rocked back and forth at approximately 40-degree banks at approximately one-second intervals throughout its course."

Lt. Brigham added the UFO pulled away "more sharply than a plane could have done. Its maneuvering throughout was always clear and precise."

More than a dozen witnesses observed eight or nine discs land on or near a mountain just outside St. Maries, Idaho, at around 6:30 p.m., July 3, 1947, according to press reports.

"With the mountain as a background, we saw the 'saucers' come in very fast, slow down jerkily, then flutter down like leaves," stated Mrs. Walter Johnson, visiting her parents at Butler's Bay.

Mrs. Johnson's father, Ben Beeman, was hoeing in the garden. He was the first to spot the objects.

"My father... shouted for us to come out of the house," Mrs. Johnson continued. "We saw those nine things -- some of us counted only eight -- in a loosely formed group, streak along very fast... Suddenly, they stopped in mid-air, then started again. When they reached a point over a clearing in the timber, they stopped again and settled down a few feet at a time until all were out of sight. The mysterious part was that we couldn't see them after they landed. We could see them flutter down into the timber, yet we couldn't see that they did anything to the trees."

Mrs. Johnson said the discs were "flittering with the brilliance of a mirror in the sunlight, but... they must have given off the light themselves because the sun itself was not visible."

About 10 relatives and several neighbors reportedly observed the landing. The incident occurred just nine days after the classic Kenneth Arnold sighting of June 24, 1947. The Johnsons, on a camping trip in an isolated area prior to their encounter with the UFOs, had not heard or read of the previous "flying saucer" reports.

An Oregon National Guard air patrol reportedly sent a plane from Portland to investigate the scene of the landing, but there was apparently no word that anything was found.

SIGHTING CAPSULES

The following sighting reports have also come to UFOR's attention:

- July 1. Warren, Mich. Norman Balawski saw a large, silver disc that appeared over some trees, hovered, then moved "straight up and down," said the Mt. Clemens, Mich., *Macomb Daily*, July 3, 1974.

- July 1. Around 8:30 p.m. Mifflintown, Pa. While looking through a 180-power telescope, H. Russell Delancey observed "an oblong-shaped ball... (with) yellow (and) red around the fringes" that was about the size of an automobile and "was definitely moving," according to the Lewistown, Pa., *Sentinel*, July 5, 1974. (Possible explanation: meteor).

- July 1. About 10 p.m. Arizona-California-Nevada-Utah. Numerous residents spotted "a spectacular flash of light," stated the July 2, 1974, editions of the Ontario, Calif., *Daily Report*, and the *Arkansas Democrat*. (Probable explanation: fireball).

- July 8. 8 p.m. Florida-Georgia. An airline pilot; AF personnel; Frances and Richard Bridges; Bill Bullwinkel; Garland Chamblee; Edmund Desrochers; Lucille Stanley; Sue and Elmer Stokes; Dr. Ed Strother, a physics professor at the Florida Institute of Technology; and numerous others reported seeing "two great big balls of fire" that were "melting beneath and throwing off sparks on top" and that "left a vapor trail," stated the July 9, 1974, editions of the *Melbourne (Fla.) Times*, the *Cocoa, Fla., Today*, and the *Palm Beach, Fla., Post*. (Probable explanation: breakup of a meteorite or satellite re-entry).

• July 9. Around 10 p.m. Near Los Banos, Calif. According to the Merced, Calif., *Sun Star*, Theodore Watkins "observed a ball of fire fall from the sky and burst into sparks before hitting the ground." (Probable explanation: breakup of a meteorite or satellite re-entry).

• July 14. Chillicothe, Ohio. Robert Fox said he watched "an orange flickering light like a star moving slowly in the sky towards the south," the *Chillicothe Gazette*, July 17, 1974, reported.

• July 17. Shortly after 1 a.m. Hopatcong, N.J. Police Officers George Martin and Charles Marrotta; Domenick Martino, a professional photographer; a reporter; and George Martin saw an object that moved erratically and shot out green and red lights for about an hour and 45 minutes, the July 25, 1974, edition of the Netcong, N.J., *News Leader*, stated. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

• July 22. About 12:15 a.m. Lexington, Mo. Judy Schoonover, her husband, and five others watched a large, round object "with something like a church steeple on top" that flashed a red and blue light, dimmed and brightened, and had "white vapors like clouds coming out of it," stated the July 23, 1974, edition of the *Lexington Advertiser-News*.

• July 24. Approximately 11 p.m. Vancouver, Wash. Janet Louise Westlund and David and Martha Nacke said they saw "a bright, fast-blinking light" that dimmed and brightened and "appeared to be jumping around, headed in a northwesterly direction," the Vancouver *Columbian*, July 25, 1974, said.

• July 25. Around 11:15 p.m. Albemarle, N.C. Ernie Wilson, David Snuggs, and Marty Walter saw a half-moon-shaped, orange object "in the west, somewhat behind clouds," according to the Albemarle *Stanly News and Press*, July 30, 1974. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

• July 31. Approximately 5:15 a.m. Eugene-Springfield, Ore. Flight tower personnel, Deputy Sheriff Harry Phenice, and others saw a very bright, "steady white light," stated the Eugene *Register-Guard*, July 31, 1974. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

• August 6. About 12:55 a.m. New Brighton-Ramsey, Minn. Deputy Sheriff Bernard Witzmann and others reported seeing "red, green, blue, and purple flashing lights in the sky," the *Minneapolis (Minn.) Star*, August 6, 1974, said. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

• August 6. Evening. Near Farmington, Mo. Mrs. Frank, Kristo and Katheryn Voertmann; Mrs. Cheryl, Elizabeth and Michael Smock; and Marlene Ratliff watched "a misty pink object hovering over the road" that "got really bright," headed toward the witnesses, then sped to the west, according to the *Farmington Press*, August 7, 1974.

• August 12. Around 1 a.m. Concord-Northfield, N.H. Police Chief Kris W. Meinhold, Patrolman James J. McGonigle, Jr., and other police officers observed four objects that "moved horizontally" and "projected a vertical pattern of lights" with "a steady white beam... topped by a flashing green light and a red light" flashing below, the Concord *Monitor & Patriot*, August 13, 1974, said.

• August 22. Approximately 3 a.m. North Miami Beach to Key Largo, Fla. Ned Dee, midnight flight control supervisor at Miami International Airport; a pilot; a Coast Guardsman; and others saw a "brilliant blue flame" that "moved at terrific speed" and "seemed to explode in a flash like a gas burner flaring up," stated the August 22, 1974, edition of the *Miami News*. (Probable explanation: fireball).

• September 5. About 9:30 p.m. Alfalfa-Powell Butte, Ore. Loren Gill, Kathy Grindstaff, Danny Jonas, and Margot McWilliams reported seeing a "bright, all-red, pulsating" object that dimmed, "continuing off and on" while Vernon Arment said he observed two objects, "one going northeast and the other southeast, 'forming a cross,'" stated the September 6, 1974, edition of the Bend, Ore., *Bulletin*, and the September 11, 1974, edition of the Redmond, Ore., *Spokesman*.

• September 7. Price's Creek, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Depp saw an orange, parachute-shaped device "with an object tied to the bottom" and "an arm (or antenna)" extending "from the top," according to the September 11, 1974, editions of the Columbia, Ky., *Adair County News*, and the *Statesman*. (Explanation: a Department of Commerce weather data-gathering package).